## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

## REGION 5 77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Susan Thomas
The Doe Run Company
1801 Park 270 Drive, Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63146

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This letter is written in response to your September 15, 1993 letter to me. As long as the three conditions below are met, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sees no reason to disallow the collection of a sample from the Taracorp pile:

- 1. The sample collection must be acceptable to the both the State of Illinois and the State of Missouri;
- Collection of the sample must be performed in a manner that will minimize the generation of dust. No visible emissions should be present during sample collection, loadout, and transportation; and
- 3 Sample collection must be consistent with dust suppression activities undertaken by NL Industries. See enclosed letter.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (312) 886-4742.

Sincerely,

Brad Bradley

Remedial Project Manager

Enclosure

cc: Brian Culnan, IEPA



## CERTIFIED MAIL

September 23, 1993

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RE: TARACORP WASTE PILE GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS

Gentlemen:

This is confirming our telephone conversations of last month regarding NL Industries' application of "Coherex" to the Taracorp waste pile in Granite City, Illinois.

The attached letter from Cam Construction shall serve to verify the "Coherex" application of August 30, 1993, to suppress potential dusting from the pile.

Please note that this application is guaranteed for a period of two years, unless the pile is physically disturbed. Accordingly, any physical disturbance of the pile will mandate the reapplication of a compatible dust suppressant on all disturbed areas by the party responsible for any such physical disturbance.

Very truly yours,

Stephen W. Holt

cc: Mr. George Webb, Taracorp
Hon. Craig Tarpoff, Alderman, Granite City

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